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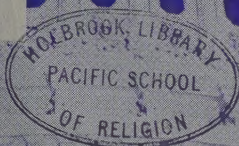
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*Announce Citizenship Contest Winners*



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The dome of the Capitol of the United States under flood-lighting is shown in photograph made by Harold M. Lambert. Endeavorers who attend the Citizenship Convocation June 29-July 1 will see this night scene.

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# Coming to You by Way of The General Secretary



## We Salute the Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the fifth annual Christian Citizenship Contest. Full details with pictures and the "Letters" of the two youth judged first in their division are in this issue of *The World*. Presentation of awards will be made at the Citizenship Convocation to be conducted in the Nation's Capital June 29—July 1. Girls and boys from 28 states and provinces competed for honors. We certainly believe that much new interest in citizenship has been created by this contest. A special thanks is given to the superintendents and directors of the various unions and the scores of judges who rendered assistance.

## Tribute to a Great Christian Endeavor Leader

● Thousands have been influenced by the life of Dr. Frederick L. Mintel who, after more than three decades of service with New Jersey Christian Endeavor, becomes Executive Secretary Emeritus May 31. Here are my sentiments as they were published in the *Jersey C.E. News*: "It is a great privilege to salute a man who is truly 'Mr. Christian Endeavor' himself. Dr. Frederick L. Mintel, known to the host of his friends as Fred, is the dean of Christian Endeavor secretaries and has done an outstanding work for young people. His consecration, loyalty, thoroughness and devotion to his task and his Lord have been outstanding. Fred has been a real inspiration to me and is one of my finest friends. My prayer is that God will continue to bless him and make him a blessing."

## For Your Information

● Word has come to International headquarters of the passing of Rev. Suman D. Ramteke on December 4, 1955, after preaching a sermon at Poona, India. Rev. Mr. Ramteke, who served for several years as secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of India, Burma, and Ceylon, was a graduate of Gordon College, Boston, Massachusetts. He had many friends among Christian Endeavorers in the United States.—Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, vice-president of International Society in charge of the Canadian Union, recently observed his 25th anniversary as an ordained minister.—Rev. William S. Wise, a trustee of International Society, marked his 20th anniversary as Associate Pastor, First Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in April.—Rev. Stanley A. Baker, former president, the British Christian Endeavor Union, has recently become pastor of the Hill Street Baptist Church, Wisbech, Cambridge, England. Mr. Baker is remembered by thousands for the special evangelistic meetings he held throughout North America in 1950.—Mar. Campbell, president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union, is recovering after a recent operation.—Ernest A. Hayes, former president of Illinois Christian Endeavor, has returned to his work after suffering critical injuries in an automobile accident.—Reba Rickman of San Francisco, a trustee of International Society, is home following a surgical operation.

Gene Stone



## Letter To My Congressman . . .

# I Speak for Christian Citizenship

*This letter was written by Pauline C. Webster of Braintree, Massachusetts, for the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest. She received the highest award in Division A on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities. Pauline, who is 15, is a sophomore in Braintree High School and a member of the First Congregational Church. She is past president of the Junior High Fellowship and is now worship chairman of the High School Fellowship, a member of the youth council, teacher in the kindergarten department of the Sunday school and a member of chancel choir.*

please, Mr. Congressman!

Will you listen to me?  
Will you hear my words?  
I have something to say.

Who am I?

I am a teen-ager.

There are millions just like me!

You see me everywhere . . .

at the corner drug store — drinking a coke,  
in school assembly — saluting the flag,  
at the football game — scoring a touchdown,  
in the sick room — fighting back tears,  
at the super market — waiting on trade and  
in Sunday Services — bowing in prayer.

Yes, you know me.

I am a twentieth century edition of American youth and  
I speak for Christian Citizenship.

What kind of Citizenship that makes

my home and your home,  
my community and your community,  
my country and your country  
the places we love.

What kind of Citizenship that makes me stop and realize—  
realize and be grateful.

Grateful to every man who  
sailed on the Mayflower and  
built a colony,  
signed the Declaration of Independence and  
wrote the Constitution  
that we might have a country under God.

What kind of Citizenship that makes me look back and remember—  
remember and be thankful.

Thankful to every Pioneer who  
crossed a river or  
climbed a mountain,  
cleared a path or  
cut down a forest,  
blazed a trail  
for a new frontier  
that we might have communities in which to live, love,  
and be happy.

The kind of Citizenship that makes me look at today—  
look and be aware.

Aware and mindful of  
the U.N. Delegate as he strives for peace,  
the Congressman as he introduces a new bill,  
the Labor Leader as he fights for his cause,  
the Politician as he wrangles for lower taxes,  
the Lawyer as he preserves justice,  
the Doctor as he mends broken bodies and

the Minister as he builds faith

that we may maintain our belief "that all men are  
created equal."

What does Christian Citizenship mean to me — a teen-ager?

It means a lot of things —  
things both big and small.

It means taking a stand—a stand for Christ—  
being put on the spot.

It means fighting—fighting against  
vandalism and juvenile crime,  
drinking and lawlessness,  
prejudices and discriminations  
so that we youth of today will be stronger for  
tomorrow.

It means making decisions—  
asking myself questions.

Questions like these —

Am I to be my brother's keeper?  
Do I respect the faith of my neighbor?  
Is social drinking the thing to do?  
Does a Christian carry arms?  
Do I mind the color of another man's skin?  
Can I, a youth, fight Communism?  
Questions like these — and more.

Christ challenged his disciples with a great command.  
He said to them, "Go ye unto all the world and preach."  
I hear this challenge — I hear it well!  
As a Christian I hear, as a Christian I accept —

Accept it too, for  
that lad in the city and  
the one on the farm,  
the girl in the slums and  
the other across town;

Accept it for the youth  
working at school or  
dreaming of marriage,  
planning a career or  
serving abroad,  
building a business or  
helping at home  
knowing well that when I serve others I also serve  
myself.

So, Mr. Congressman,  
I speak for Christian Citizenship  
because . . .

as a teen-ager I've been taught,  
as a citizen I understand and  
as a Christian I believe  
that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in  
vain that build it."

PAULINE C. WEBSTER



## Second Award

## First Award

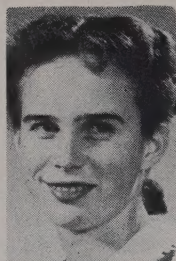
## Third Award



Ellenor Potter  
*Colorado*  
Rocky Mountain  
(A)



Walter A. Baker  
*Massachusetts*  
N. Atlantic (B)



Pauline Webster  
*Massachusetts*  
N. Atlantic (A)



Nelda J. Thomas  
*Texas*  
Southwestern  
(B)



Kurt Gustafson  
*Texas*  
Southwestern  
(A)



Marilyn J. Neill  
*Oregon*  
Pacific (B)

# Winners In Christian Citizenship Contest

## Runners-up In Finals



Carolyn Bishop  
*Oregon*  
Pacific (A)



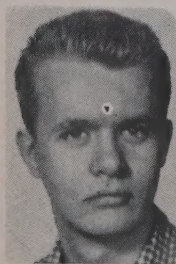
Muriel Byer  
*Ontario*  
Canada (A)



Claire Holcomb  
*South Carolina*  
Southern (A)



Carol Jones  
*Indiana*  
Great Lakes (A)



David A. Schattschneider  
*New York*  
Middle  
Atlantic (A)



Ruby L. Shuck  
*Kansas*  
Central (A)

Division A—youth in high school or below on February 6, 1956.

Division B—youth out of high school but did not reach their 25th birthday by February 6.

## First Award — \$200

Plus Trip to Convocation in Washington, D. C.

- (A) Pauline C. Webster, *Baintree, Mass.*
- (B) Nelda Jean Thomas, *Houston, Texas*

## Second Award — \$100

- (A) Clara Ellenor Porter, *Grover Colorado*
- (B) Walter A. Baker, *Cambridge, Mass.*

## Third Award — \$75

- (A) Kurt Allen Gustafson, *Harlingen, Texas*
- (B) Marilyn J. Neill, *Milwaukee, Oregon*

## Runners-up in Finals — \$25 each

- (A) Carolyn Bishop, *Salem, Oregon*
- (A) Muriel Byer, *Stouffville, Ontario, Canada*
- (A) Claire Holcomb, *Winnsboro, S. C.*
- (A) Carol Jones, *Straughn, Indiana*
- (A) David A. Schattschneider, *Staten Island, New York*
- (A) Ruby Louise Shuck, *Wichita, Kansas*
- (B) John E. Brouwer, *Edgerton, Minnesota*
- (B) Joyce Byer, *Stouffville, Ontario, Canada*
- (B) Fern Ensminger, *Heyworth, Illinois*
- (B) Ronald Heitman, *Fort Lupton, Colorado*
- (B) Robert Hinshaw, *Liberty, N. C.*
- (B) Patricia J. Kirsits, *Derby, New York*

## Recognition Certificates

To all state and provincial winners  
Names and pictures on Page 5

All youth pictured on this page won top honors in their regional contests which made them eligible for the international finals.

## Runners-up In Finals



John E. Brouwer  
*Minnesota*  
Central (B)



Joyce Byer  
*Ontario*  
Canada (B)



Fern Ensminger  
*Illinois*  
Great Lakes  
(B)



Ronald Heitman  
*Colorado*  
Rocky Mountain  
(B)



Robert Hinshaw  
*North Carolina*  
Southern (B)



Patricia J. Kirsits  
*New York*  
Middle  
Atlantic (B)

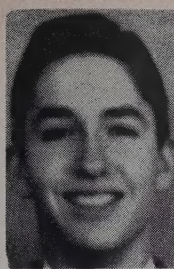




Charles Hagler  
*Alabama (A)*



Martha V. Rude  
*California (A)*



Edward G.  
Kuhlmann  
*Illinois (A)*



Joyce Miller  
*Kentucky (A)*



Lois Shanholtz  
*Maryland (A)*



Donald Lee  
Holben  
*Michigan (A)*



Jeanette S.  
Kestner  
*New Jersey (A)*



Demetria Ann  
Kelly  
*New Mexico (A)*

# They Were FIRST

## In Their State



Doris Jean  
Teague  
*N. Carolina (A)*



Thomas E.  
Mackey  
*Ohio (A)*



Karen Kay  
Couch  
*Oklahoma (A)*



Judith E.  
Kofroth  
*Pennsylvania (A)*



Immajean  
Gallimore  
*Virginia (A)*



Barbara Ann  
Cox  
*W. Virginia (A)*



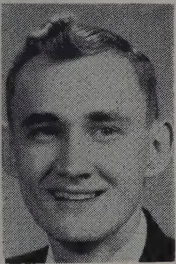
Phyllis A. Kok  
*Wisconsin (A)*



Gail Miller  
*Alabama (B)*



Helen C. Scott  
*D.C. (B)*



Ronald L.  
Henson  
*Indiana (B)*



Warren Gollither  
*Iowa (B)*



J. B. Shelton  
*Kansas (B)*



Gwendolyn  
Kuhns  
*Kentucky (B)*



Darlene Sittig  
*Maryland (B)*



Joan Pyle  
*Michigan (B)*



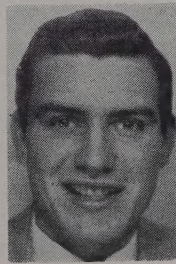
Cynthia L. Post  
*N. Jersey (B)*



Charles H. Clark  
*Oklahoma (B)*



William T. Lewis  
*Pennsylvania (B)*



DeLloyd  
Hesselink  
*Wisconsin (B)*



Chester Dalton  
*Wyoming (B)*



## A Letter To My Congressman . . .

# I Speak for Christian Citizenship

*This letter was written by Nelda Jean Thomas of Houston, Texas, for the Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest. She received the highest award in Division B on the basis of this letter and her citizenship activities. Nelda Jean is a freshman in Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas, and is first vice-president of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union. Nelda Jean, who is 18, is a member of Second Christian Church, Houston.*

My dear Sir:

Today, Christ gazes sadly upon a world in which prejudice causes intelligent men to lose all sense of reason and love; in which hate causes men to manufacture instruments of war which could destroy mankind in an instant. He sees people who have become so busy trying to find scientific answers to the problems of life that they have almost forgotten the healing power of Jesus Christ; He sees insincerity and apathy in the hearts of Christian leaders. With a heavy, yet patient, heart He stands and knocks at the door of the world, longing to be admitted, for He knows that He—and only He—is able to roll the dark clouds of communism, crime, prejudice, and war from the skies and once again bring light to the world.

It is true that we live in a revolutionary world. Nevertheless, let us not forget that Christ, also, was a revolution, and what could be more revolutionary than love in a world of hate and confusion. Therefore, I believe the solution to the many problems of today's world lies in planting the spirit of Christ-like love in the hearts of men everywhere. Where do we begin?

The basic issues concerning the destiny of the whole world rest chiefly in the outcome of the present struggle for superiority between the two strongest powers of the world—America and Russia—democracy and totalitarianism—a nation founded on God and a nation believing God to be a myth. Will communism spread until it has enveloped America, too; or can the principles upon which America was founded meet the test of strength? The answer to this question is an uncertain one, indeed, for first we must examine to see if America is *really* a Christian nation. Are alcoholism, dope addiction, gambling, murder, broken homes, illegal sex conduct, degrading literature, immoral entertainment, and prejudices characteristics typifying a nation whose trust is in God? How can America shine a light of Christianity to other nations until she has first been cleansed of corruption on her own shores?

Probably the most important single factor contributing to America's failure to secure the favor of other nations, and one which enemies of our nation are quick to emphasize, is the demonic element in our policies governing race relations. How can we expect small nations and men of other colors and creeds to credit the good faith of our professed purpose and join us in international collaboration for future peace if we continue to practice discrimination toward those races on our own shores? How can we love on the outside until we have loved on the inside?

None of us like to think of ourselves as slaveholders; yet, while America does not enforce the slavery of chains, certain sections enforce the slavery of custom and law which commands: Use the rear seats. Don't go in that waiting room. Don't eat in that restaurant. Don't use that library. Don't go to that school. Don't attend that church. Why? Because you're a Negro! Similarly, the American Indian, though he is allowed most of the above privileges, is receiving little encouragement to enter into the common stream of life, and one will find most of his race living in frighteningly inadequate government reser-

ventions. No, these people are not the victims of chains, but wounds to the spirit may be much deeper than mere leg soles produced by shackles.

"For there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female; for all are one in Jesus Christ." As Christian citizens, we must set about righting the wrong which our fathers committed, not only because we seek the good opinion of the world, but even more because we seek the approval of God, and the people in question are children of God.

How, then, are Christians to go about correcting these evils?

The success of the American experiment in democracy, as well as Christianity, depends in the last analysis upon the character of the individual citizens. If the citizens are honest, capable, and intelligent, the future of the nation, however much it may be temporarily eclipsed by the shadows of communism, may still be bright; but if the citizens are unworthy, the future becomes nothing more than the darkest gloom. By the same measure, no other single institution serves to shape the life of a citizen as does the home. It is in the home that the character of an individual is molded, that a person's sense of values and moral standards are formed, and that a child first learns the teaching of Jesus and their application to daily life. Consequently, the success, or prosperity, the righteousness of America depends upon the ability of its citizens to build homes that exercise the principles established in Ephesians 6:1-4: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord . . . Honour thy father and mother . . . And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Despite the fact that numerous evils lurk on the American home front, we still recognize democracy, over all present forms of government, as the most in favor with the will of God. If we are concerned about the welfare of America and wish to preserve the freedoms we enjoy, we must strive to be informed on the functions of the government, as well as the latest happenings in the world at large; we must show our loyalty by respecting the laws of the government and encouraging others to do so; and we must vote if we are of age or encourage our families and friends to do so if we are not of age. By far the most important deeds we owe to our government and our civic officials, though, are our prayers. A powerful nation is a prayerful nation.

Remembering that "if we love one another, God abideth in us and His love is perfected in us," Mr. Congressman, may every Christian citizen in America step forward proudly to conquer the world not with hate, but with Christ's message of love. The world we owe to our country, our world, *our God!*

Yours in sincere endeavor for Him,

NELDA THOMAS



## Welcome Leaders From "Down-Under"



Dr. Ernest H. Watson (second from right), former president of the Australian Christian Endeavor Union, and his wife (left) are given a friendly reception on their arrival in New York City by Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling. Dr. Watson, who is Executive General Secretary of the New South Wales Baptist Convention, will be in North America until July 1. He will be visiting Christian Endeavor groups in a number of areas.

## Dr. Frederick L. Mintel To Retire; Praised For Outstanding Service

After thirty-three years of service as executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union Dr. Frederick L. Mintel will come executive secretary emeritus with his retirement May 31.

Many outstanding tributes have been paid Dr. Mintel for his long, faithful service to Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Mintel, besides his work in the Garden State, has been very active in other fields of Christian Endeavor work. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society.

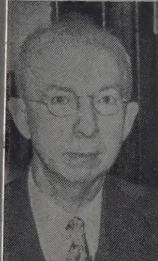
Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, in paying tribute to Dr. Mintel in a special issue of *Jersey Christian Endeavor News* honoring the executive secretary, said:

"You are one of the 'Old Guard,' and specifically you are one of those indestructible Christian Endeavorers and Christian Endeavor leaders who could not 'retire' if you would—and you never would!

"They do tell me that you are changing your status! And that, Fred, after the years of sacrificial and victorious service, is fully justified. But your retirement will be definitely forward. You will have now opportunities to give to Christ and His Church the more abundant, the more mature labors of your fruitful life. Always we shall know where to find you."

Dr. Samuel S. Haas, former president of New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, stated: "I have often heard Dr. Frederick L. Mintel referred to as 'Mr. Christian Endeavor of New Jersey.' After thirty-three years of devoted service to this pioneer of Christian youth

organizations (now celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary) as executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, the title is well-deserved. For years, whenever Christian Endeavor was mentioned the name that came to mind immediately was Dr. Mintel; and whenever Dr. Mintel's name was spoken



Dr. Frederick L. Mintel



Hon. Gordon Canfield



Mrs. Mabel K. Howard



Dr. J. Warren Hastings

Those who served on the board of judges for the finals of the fifth annual Citizenship Contest of the International Society of Christian Endeavor are Mrs. Mabel K. Howard, the Honorable Gordon Canfield, and Dr. J. Warren Hastings. Mrs. Howard, an active alumna in Christian Endeavor from Alexandria, Virginia, is former president of the Y.W.C.A. of that city. Mrs. Howard has attended many World and International

Christian Endeavor was of what people thought, so closely were the two associated."

"There is little that any or all of us could say or do that would adequately express our feeling or compensate for the great work Fred Mintel has done through the years," Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, declared. "He stands among the greatest of the laborers in that part of God's vineyard where Christian Endeavor has been privileged to plant and to harvest."

Rev. Earle W. Gates declared, "In his thirty-three years as executive secretary of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union, he has distinguished himself as few men have been able to do. He has been used of God to change and to influence innumerable lives, both of young people and of adults. He has added immeasurably to the onward march of the Christian Endeavor movement, often under trying circumstances."

## ON THE CALENDAR

### MAY

- 4-6—Colorado, Star Ranch (Conference)
- 4-6—Middle Atlantic Regional Conference, Wilmington, Delaware

23-27—Mexico, Orizaba

24-27—New York, Watervliet

### JUNE

5-8—West Virginia, Buckhannon

14-16—Kentucky, Annville

14-17—Indiana, Hammond

14-17—Texas, Nacogdoches

18-24—Minnesota, Medicine Lake

21-24—California, Fresno

21-24—Michigan, Saginaw

21-24—Ohio, Canton

28—Board of Trustees and Corporation, International Society, Washington, D. C.

29—Youth Assembly, International Society, Washington, D. C.

29-July 1—Citizenship Convocation, Washington, D. C.

## Citizenship Contest Judges

Christian Endeavor conventions and a few years ago made a trip around the world, visiting and working with Christian Endeavor groups. Mr. Canfield for a number of years has been a member of the House of Representatives in Washington. His home is in Paterson, New Jersey. Dr. Hastings is a well-known pastor and preacher. He has been pastor of the National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C., since 1942.





# Time for Church

Young

Adult

Workshop

THE MAPLE AVENUE CHURCH has been getting acquainted with the past, on the happy occasion of its 85th birthday. Old record-books, faded photographs, and even the diaries of the 1880s have been brought to light.

We of the rushing 1950s have fleeting pictures of the more sober, solid, unswerving church life of the days when the grandparents of today's young adults were growing up in Maple Avenue Church.

Here are some of the impressions: Sermons which often held the attention of the worshippers for more than an hour. Occasions when church families out in the country started at dawn in order to attend the Sunday service—for even the best team made little speed through giant snowdrifts, or in a few weeks to come, rutted roads deep in mud. A schedule for many loyal Maple Avenue Church families which included two worship services, Sunday school and "Endeavor" each Sunday, with a midweek prayer-meeting, Sunday school class meetings, instruction classes and church socials during the week. The recognition gained from many sources of the character and leadership the community's churches and its ministers gave to the total life of the community. (Here is the local daily, back in the 1880s, with a half-page of its total 12 pages devoted each Monday to local ministers' sermons and an itemized account of the activities of churches and church societies.)

If we in our 1956 communities invested as much proportionately of time and money in the church and its agencies, wouldn't there be once more a strong impress of religion on all the community?

These "founding fathers and mothers" of Maple Avenue Church, and many another, worked long hours before they found some time free—nights and Sundays—for church and church group activities. The money which paid for the first church edifice was raised at evening prayer services and by patient calls at many homes after working hours. The men had worked 12 hours, or more, and throughout a six-day week. Not even the time "after supper" was free, since many retail stores were open several nights in the week. A good share of the day's work might call for strenuous physical exertion—and this was true for the women as well as the men, for home-making knew little of the labor-saving devices which we take for granted nowadays.

From what by our measurements was a small amount of "free time," these long-ago

members of Maple Avenue Church devoted much time and much energy to attendance at worship services and to other matters directly related to the church.

## Using "Free Time"

As "free time" has increased through the years we've discovered such ways as these to use it up and to become "too busy" for setting aside much time for religion:

Outdoor recreation, such as golf, swimming, motoring, gardening; summer camps, with their claims on the week-end; longer vacations, both in summer and winter; television and radio and hi-fi; card clubs; home parties; community clubs and fraternal organizations; veterans' activities; community groups like Home Bureau, P.T.A., fund-raising drives, hospital guilds, etc.

The group that would have been at one time engaged in "missionary sewing" may prepare bandages for Red Cross or cancer society or produce novelties to sell at a gift booth at the hospital. A group of men may be "fixing up" the veterans' headquarters or a boys' club instead of offering similar services for church or church school. Once Maple Avenue Church men provided two teams in a church bowling league; today's bowlers compete in a fraternal league or one composed of industrial teams. Several of the men of the church today apply their teaching skills in work outside the church, and plead "no time for it" when invited to teach boys and young men in church school.

## Invest More in Church Activities

I'm urging young adults—who are improving somewhat their record for attending

FOR every two days the average American works today, he gets one day off. And thanks to labor-saving appliances, prepared foods and the like, the housewife has more leisure time.

Leisure time, "one's own sweet time," has for its key-word, choice. One is free to choose what he will do with a greatly increased number of hours.

Adapted from *Tide—The Magazine for Marketing Management*.

By BERT H. DAVIS

church worship services—to invest more their "free time" in church work as a whole. Let young adults lead the men's club in more activities in which men engage as Maple Avenue Church members. Utilize the church building and its facilities for more week-end and weeknight events. Provide more fellowship gatherings in and of the church family. When the women sew and employ their crafts, remember missionary needs and denominational schools needs, as well as those of the secular agencies—there's really time both! The cancer society bandages can be made a responsibility of a church-related activity, instead of being a separately organized effort. And let young adults stimulate publicity for what Maple Avenue Church is doing and for the objectives in which it is interested.

A suburban church has begun to progress its efforts to involve more of the men in membership in church responsibilities. A common, and reasonable, plea was: "I'm away in the city all day, and often for the evening as well. I'm not able to attend committee meetings back in Suburbia with any regularity."

There's an answer! Various committees of the church board are so chosen that the members, employed in the big city nearby, can meet there at lunch, in order to carry on committee planning and prepare their reports to the board. Most of the preparations for securing gifts for new equipment for church school were made between 12:30 and 1 P.M. on working days at a table in the industrial plant's cafeteria. Committee members had been chosen from the ranks of men and women who work in the same plant and may easily arrange to be together at lunch time.

## Lunch Hour Opportunities

As soon as patterns like these have been formed, an added concern for the welfare and progress of the church flows through the whole membership. If Tom's group takes time one day a week, in the lunch hour, to concern itself with church matters, Tom's wife and mother manage to make time too for a closer relationship with church work. The very fact that "new ways" are being found to devote time to the church helps other people to study how earnestly they are trying to make time available for useful service to the church.

One's personal worship practices may be directly affected too by this renewed interest in having religion mean more than (a) listing on the church membership roll; (b) somewhat haphazard support of the Sunday services; and (c) one's contributions in money toward Christian work.

Being an active partner in the Christian cause was stated well in Christian Endeavor's early days—when Maple Avenue Church was a dynamic congregation of young adults—the familiar outline:

Confession of Christ.  
Service for Christ.  
Loyalty to Christ's Church.  
Fellowship with all Christ's people.

The way in which we organize our time and help our friends organize their time might well be guided by these four principles or objectives which make up Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor spirit.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," let a host of young adults resolve to find practical ways to offer more time, effort and energy in serving Christ and His Church.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK



# Youth Sign-Up For Convocation . .

NDEAVORERS are registering for the Christian Citizenship Convocation which will be conducted in Washington, D.C., June 29—July 1 by International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Dr. Walter H. Judd, member of Congress, who received Christian Endeavor's distinguished Service Citation at the convention in Columbus last summer, will speak at a special citizenship rally during the convocation to be held in National City Christian Church Saturday, June 30, 7:30 P.M. At that meeting presentation of awards will be made to the winners of the fifth annual Citizenship Contest, according to Robert C. Ross, citizenship director.

Young people interested in attending the Convocation may send their registration to Olinda Dormaier, 2604 Tunlaw Road, Apartment 2, Washington 7, D.C. Total cost, including meals and accommodations at the Burlington Hotel, is \$25. A payment of \$5 is to be made when registration is sent to Miss Dormaier. (A registration form for convenience is found on page 18.)

A banquet Friday evening, June 29, will

mark the opening of the Convocation. Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will be the featured speaker.

The Quiet Hour message Saturday morning will be given by Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of International Society. A seminar, "Let's Look at What Christian Endeavor Is Doing," will be moderated by Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, with Phyllis I. Rike, executive assistant, participating.

Other features of the Convocation will include a tour of the White House, the Supreme Court building, a session of Congress, National Art Gallery, the Archives building, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The annual meeting of the Youth Assembly of the International Society of Christian Endeavor will be held prior to the Convocation. This will be on Friday, June 29, at 9:00 A.M. in the Burlington Hotel. Vernon Hoffman, chairman, will preside.



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Endeavorers  
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New History**

## Leaders Plan Meetings For Japan and Norway . .

**C**HRIStIAN ENDEAVOR OFFICERS are getting set for their journeys to Japan and Norway for conferences of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Leaders of Area I will meet at Karuizawa, Japan, July 30—August 2, while those of Area II will hold sessions in Oslo, Norway, August 18-22.

Recent announcement has been made by Dr. Daniel A. Poling that Soichi Saito, general secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. of Japan, will be among those to address the meetings in Japan. Others who will speak there are Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; Rev. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; and Rev. Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese Christian.

The theme for the meeting in Japan will be "Christ for the World—The World for Christ." Arrangements for the various meetings and services in Japan are being made locally by Rev. Akira Ebisawa, secretary of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union.

The president of the Japanese Christian

Endeavor is Rev. Y. Abe, member of the Christian Education Association of Japan. Mr. Kojiro Hata, who is a Vice-President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Japan organization. He is actively engaged in the making of preparations for the August meetings.

A tour is being conducted by the International Society. This will leave Seattle, Washington, July 21, with a visit in Alaska. The group, under the direction of Tour Manager Harold E. Westerhoff, will arrive in Tokyo July 24. Before and after the conference there will be visitation to places of interest in Japan.

Returning to the United States, the tourists will enjoy a stay in Hawaii where there will be meetings with Christian Endeavorers. Los Angeles will be the terminating point for the tour party August 8. Total cost of this personally conducted, all-expense tour is \$1425. Additional information may be secured by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.





# Body Under — Soul on Top

I Corinthians 9:24-27; Psalm 51:10-13

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JUNE

Comments by Raymond Steinbart

## Briefing The Leader

1. Prepare your mind and heart by a careful reading of the Bible references attached to this lesson. Read prayerfully the sixth chapter of Romans as well as the eighth chapter.

2. Interview several Christian people in an endeavor to determine why one will speak of a glorious experience through Jesus Christ, and later find the same person speaking about a lost experience. Find out why.

3. Do some personal thinking on the trio of foes arrayed against every true Christian: the world, the flesh, and the devil. Reach some conclusion in your own thinking about these three foes and how to gain the victory over them.

## Biblical References

The biblical references under advisement are found in I Corinthians 9:24-27 and Psalm 51:10-13. It is sufficiently evident that the apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians alludes to the athletic exercises in the games which were celebrated every fifth year at Olympia. The exercises were running, wrestling, boxing, throwing the discus or quoit. All athletes or competitors for prizes, had ten months' training under the direction of appointed teachers and under various restrictions of diet. At the beginning of the festival they were required to prove to the judges that they were of pure Greek blood, had not forfeited by mis-conduct the right of citizenship, and had undergone the necessary training. Then began the various contests, in an appointed order. Of these, the oldest and most famous was the footrace. The prize was a wreath of olive at Olympia. The giving of the prizes was followed by processions and sacrifices, and by a public banquet to the conquerors.

The victor was received at his home town with a triumphal procession, entered the city by a new opening broken for him through the walls, was taken in a chariot to the temple of its guardian deity, and welcomed with songs. In some cases a reward of money was given, and release from taxation.

That these athletic festivals permeated and moulded the thought both of classic writers and of the apostle Paul, we have abundant proof. Eternal life is to be obtained only by contest and victory. The Christian life is both a preparation for conflict, (I Corinthians 9:25); a race (I Corinthians 9:24); boxing (I Corinthians 9:27); wrestling (Ephesians 6:12). Paul's converts will be his crown in the great day when the Judge of all the earth speaks.

Paul writes, "One receiveth the prize." The apostle Paul places the Christian race in contrast to the Isthmian games. In them only one received the prize, though all ran. In this, if all run, all will receive the prize. Therefore he says, "So run that ye may obtain."

Christians are ever in close combat. Their enemies make fierce and hearty opposition and

## Basis for Discussion

1. What did Jesus Christ mean when He said to Satan, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God."

2. What do we mean by God consciousness, self consciousness, and world consciousness? What relation does this have to body, soul and spirit?

3. What is expected of the Christian today if he is to obtain the crown at the end of the race?

4. When do physical appetites and passions become sin?

5. How do we achieve victory over the body in order to keep it under?

are ever at hand. For this reason they must lay about them in earnest and never drop the contest, nor flag and faint in it. They must fight, not as those who beat the air, but must strive against their enemies with all their might. One enemy the apostle here mentions, namely, the body. This must be kept under, beaten black and blue, as the combatants were in those Grecian games and thereby brought into subjection. By the body we are to understand fleshly appetites and inclinations. These the apostle set himself to curb and conquer, and in this the Corinthians were bound to imitate him. The body must be made to serve the mind, not suffered to lord over it.

In Psalm 51 we have a strong plea before God. It is the picture of a needy man standing consciously in the presence of a mighty God who can do what humans consider impossible.

## Boiling It Down

To live in this world demands a human body. Man's body is, indeed, a noble piece of work. It is of the earth, earthly, yet it is the beauty of the world.

If the ordinary intelligent person were asked to tell the elements of a human body, the likelihood is that he would reply; body and soul. The Bible, however, takes a different view. It speaks of man as composed of body, soul and spirit. That is to say, while the modern division of human nature is twofold, the biblical is threefold.

The glory of the body lies not in its beauty or strength, but in its connection with the invisible part of man. It is as the servant of a higher nature that the body attains its true destiny. In such service the body fulfills the

intention of its creation and rises to its throne of honor. But the servant may become the master and then the body will be on top and the soul under. The body dare not become a ruling part.

There are many forms which the predominance of the body over the higher elements of human nature may assume, and they change from age to age. There have been three master-forms in which it has historically manifested itself. These correspond to the three principal bodily appetites. They are gluttony, drunkenness, and lust.

These sins of the body abound in every part of the world. Rare are the homes in which the foul wash of one or more of the sins has never penetrated. All of us must be on our guard lest the animal nature obtain the mastery. Jesus said, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation." "And let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. We must keep the body under, the soul on top.

You could well think in terms of those who have compared human nature with the Hebrew Temple. The body is the outer court, the soul the holy place, the spirit the holy of holies. But it is the presence of God in the spirit kept there by active faith and love, which lends dignity and meaning to the whole. Without God human nature is as meaningless as a temple out of which the Deity has departed and in which the altar fire has been extinguished.

Finally, are you getting better or worse? Are you turning to the besetting sins of your disposition, or rising into communion with God and likeness to Christ? Are you obeying the attraction from beneath or the attraction from above?

## Backing the Project

1. Consult with your pastor and distribute a gospel tract which deals with the surrender of life, the life of Consecration. This project could include every member of the church.

2. Make arrangements with a Rescue Mission to have your society take over one of their evening meetings. Make a careful study of the people who have allowed the body to be the master instead of the servant.

## Best Illustrations

A man came to Sam Jones one day and said, "Pastor, the church is putting my assessment too high." "How much do you pay," asked Jones. "Five dollars a year," was his reply. "Well," said Jones, "How long have you been converted?" "About four years," "What did you do before you were converted?" "I was a drunkard." "How much were you worth?" "I rented land and plowed with a steer." "What have you got now?" "I have a good plantation and plow with horses." "Well," said Jones, "You paid the devil \$250.00 a year for the privilege of renting land and plowing with a steer, now you are so stingy that you don't want to give God \$5.00 per year for ploughing your land with your own horses."

## From God's Book

- M., May 28. "First Things First." Matthew 6:31-34.
- T., May 29. "Mortifying Our Members." Colossians 3:5-7.
- W., May 30. Putting On The New Man. Colossians 3:8-10.
- T., May 31. Crucified With Christ. Galatians 2:19-21.
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# Body Under—Soul on Top

No. 1 in a Series: "Myself and Others"

I Corinthians 9:24-27; Philippians 2:1-5



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JUNE 3

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## Our Program

BLE—Luke 6:12; John 11:33-36; Luke 19:41, 42; Matt. 23:27; 26:37; Luke 22:44.

DEM—"Be Strong"—Babcock

TORY—Describe "Heroes of the Body"—Job; the blind poet, Milton; the rail-splitter, Lincoln

YMNS—I Would Be True; Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart; Take Time to Be Holy; Just as I am, Thine Own to Be.

## Think It Over

Am I in control of my life? Do I control my habits and tendencies or do they control me? When I find a habit that controls me, do I make every effort that I can to overcome it? Is mastery? If I do not, am I as good a Christian as I could be? Just because I have a taste for leadership, have I any license to seek control of myself? Am I as consistent in seeking spiritual strength for the practice of self-control as I am in securing food for my body?

## Our Scripture

A boxer buffets his body to win a boxing match. Often he abuses his body to win the match. Paul speaks of the antagonism between the body and soul in the figure of a boxing match. But he does not call us to maltreat the body, but to control it, restrain it, and curb its passions.

Soldiers must train and keep physically fit. Athletes must be very rigid in the observance of training rules. If it is necessary for us to keep physically fit to fight battles and to win games, is it not essential to keep physically fit to fight the battles of life and play in the great game of life?

## Why Control the Body?

None of our normal instincts, appetites, passions, desires, are wrong in themselves. We have reason to be thankful for the emphasis being laid today upon the sacredness of all of our physical and moral functions, when allowed to operate normally. It is a mark of progress to note the wholesome instruction that is being given through voice and pen in school and home and church along the lines of hygiene, eugenics and social purity. Much sin and sorrow have been caused through ignorance and silence because of a false modesty and prudishness. Strong appetites and passions controlled and directed mean strong, resourceful, efficient lives. Strong appetites and passions uncontrolled mean disaster, physical, moral, social and spiritual.

Temper is one of the passions that need to be especially divinely controlled, or it will hurt and bruise, dishearten and kill. Yet a temper, that is, the power of indignation and anger, rightly directed, is an element of great strength in character. The person who is not thus endowed with a disposition that can stand up in indignation in the presence of evil and wrong, injustice and foul play and

## Our Aims

1. To understand the contest between the flesh and the spirit.
2. To discover how to master body and gain "soul strength."
3. To seek for poise of body and the soul mastery displayed by Christ.

## For Discussion

1. What tendency do you think is the most difficult to control?
2. Why is it so difficult to exercise self-control?
3. Do you think that youth is less able to control itself than adulthood? If so, why?
4. What are the results of the lack of self-control?
5. Is self-control more difficult to exercise as a leader or as a follower? Why do you think so?
6. How would you begin to control some habit or tendency which had not been controlled in your life?

denounce it passionately and earnestly, and that can rise up with heroic devotion to the defense of the weak and the helpless and wronged, lacks one of the essentials of a strong character. Note how this quality of righteous indignation flashed out from the life and lips of Jesus, as He saw hypocrisy and greed and social injustice. But note too, how perfectly controlled His temper was, how saturated with love and pity. Matthew 23:1-37.

Let us so yield our bodies and our spirits, with all their instincts and passions to Christ, that they become elements of great strength to us in our living and in our service.

## Why Keep Body Under?

1. *Friendship is dependent upon self-control.* We cannot be friends with the person who will not be patient with our failures and considerate of our feelings. The lack of self-control has broken many a bond of friendship. We like the friend who can tell us our failures and mistakes without losing his temper nor his patience while he is doing it.

2. *Respect.* Not only that finer relationship of friendship demands self-control, but if we would win and hold the respect of our neighbors, our classmates and those in the home, we must have control of ourselves. Businessmen, professional men and in fact every group of men cannot hold the respect of their associates if they cannot control their tempers,

## Scripture Readings

- M., May 28. First Things First. Matthew 6:31-34.  
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nor their passions. It is an indication of weakness, and weakness is never admired.

3. *Character.* Self-control is a part of character development. Can you imagine character without the control of the tendencies to do the lower things in life? I cannot. We must have ourselves in control if we are to be in possession of worthwhile characters.

4. *Happiness.* The person who has thrown self-control to the winds often thinks that he is having "the time of his life." He often calls this the carefree life. But is it? In the final analysis when all accounts have been settled, it is the person who has controlled himself and obeyed natural, national and spiritual laws who is happiest.

5. *Leadership.* We are still considering the general theme of youth and larger leadership. Self-control is necessary to leadership. Will you yield the place of leadership to a person who cannot control his appetites or his passions or his temper? Will you follow a person's leadership who cannot say "no" to the crowd, when it is manly to say "no"? Neither will men follow your leadership if you do not have self-control. The person who cannot control himself is not fit to control anyone else.

## Soul on Top

Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, the very habitation of God. Our body is also the home of the soul and the medium of service. Read Romans 6:13.

One day two ministers were walking along a busy street when one noticed in a tailor shop a suit of clothing with sign on which said, "Slightly soiled, greatly reduced in price."

How easy it is to get soiled by seeing the vulgar, reading a coarse book, allowing ourselves a little indulgence in dishonest or lustful thinking. Once soiled we are greatly reduced in price; our charm and strength and purity are gone.

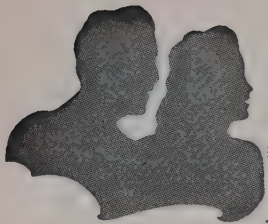
A number of young folks were about to explore a coal mine. One of the girls appeared dressed in a dainty white gown. When some of her friends advised her not to enter the mine dressed in white, she appealed to the old miner who was to act as a guide to the party. "Can't I wear a white dress to go down into the mine?"

"Sure," replied the old miner, "there is nothing to keep you from going into the mine with a white dress, but there is considerable to keep you from wearing one back."

Many so-called Christians think they can go anywhere in this sinful world and still remain pure.

Many years ago St. Augustine prayed, "Make me beautiful within." Indeed that is the only kind of beauty that is worthy the name. And that inner beauty is made by the thoughts we think. There is only one who is entitled to rule in the kingdom of the soul, and that is Jesus, the fairest among ten thousand, the altogether lovely One.





# A Christian Forgives

No. 1 in a Series: "Christian Traits"

Philippians 2:5; Matthew 18:21-35

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JUNE 1

Comments by Raymond Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Prepare your own mind and heart by checking at least ten scriptural references on forgiveness. Study each one prayerfully.

2. Interview at least three adults for their personal views on forgiveness.

3. Carefully analyze the statement and meditate upon it, "Doing an injury puts you below your enemy; revenging one makes you even with him; forgiving, it sets you above him."

4. If you were the one least to blame in a personal controversy, how would you react if you were told you had to make the first step toward forgiveness?

5. What is your own opinion on Ephesians 4:26, "Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

## Biblical References

We are asked to consider two Biblical references—Philippians 2:5 and Matthew 18:21-35. Paul speaks about the mind of Christ in his letter to the Philippians. The word "mind" generally denotes that power in man which conceives thought, weighs it, and forms conclusions. We speak of a "strong mind," a "disordered mind." Again, the word is used for the will power, as when we say, "I have a mind to do it." At other times it is used for the heart or affections, for example, "a mind at rest," "A joy of mind," "A grief of mind." It is also employed in a more comprehensive way, as in the text, where consecration of intellect, the aim of life, the temper of spirit are included. Jesus Christ is held up by the apostle Paul as the model after which the children of God should shape their lives. Christ the Lord is at first the pattern of heavenly life to us, but becomes more the power of heavenly life within us. Christ answers all the requirements for an example to us.

The second Bible reference deals with the law of forgiveness from Matthew 18:21-35. This part of the discourse concerning offenses is certainly to be understood of personal wrongs, which it is in our power to forgive.

Peter is the spokesman. He takes it for granted that he must forgive. Christ had before taught His disciples this lesson—(Matthew 6:14-15.) Peter did not forget it. To forgive is to treat as though the offense was not committed, to declare that we will not harbor malice, or treat unkindly, but that the matter shall be buried and forgotten.

The Jews taught that a man was to forgive another three times, but not the fourth. Peter more than doubled this, and asked whether forgiveness was to be exercised to so great an extent. (Verse 21.) But Jesus said, "Seventy times seven." The meaning is that we are not to limit our forgiveness to any fixed number of times. As often as a brother injures us, and asks forgiveness, we are to forgive him. It is his duty to ask forgiveness. It is our duty to declare that we forgive him and to treat him accordingly.

## Basis for Discussion

1. Is it an easy thing to love the lawless, bless the blasphemer, pray for the persecutor, and forgive the offender?

2. Should the true Christian always be a shining example of genuine forgiveness? Are there times when he should not display a forgiving spirit?

3. When we are not ready to forgive, is this a clear sign that our love is running low and bitterness has touched our hearts?

4. Is there any difference between forgiving our enemies and forgiving our friends? Which one would you feel the most?

5. If you failed to forgive someone, how would you react if another person said to you, "You don't have the spirit of Christ?"

6. Would a forgiving attitude toward others cause us to have fewer misunderstandings?

## Boiling It Down

The next three topics will be dealing with Christian traits. These three, forgiveness, honesty and dependability, should be very much in evidence in all Christians. One does not have to live long until he discovers that forgiveness is essential to happiness. Make your own observation. Check the person with the forgiving spirit over against the person who harbors grievances and will not forgive and forget. Which one do you think knows the real joy of the Christian life? Face up to this, a Christian forgives. I am a Christian, therefore I must forgive.

Come with me and stand in the shadows of Golgotha's brow. Behold the Man, the suffering Servant of Jehovah, see Him as He pours out His life unto death. See the mob at the base of that cross. They, many of them, cried for His blood. Among those who came out of grief and sorrow, were found the enemies of Jesus Christ. They came with a feeling that He was smitten of God and afflicted. He deserved the death they see Him die. His suffering is terrible. His lips move as He cries out and up, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

### 1. All Need God's Forgiveness

There are many Bible verses which bring this need to mind. Listen to two of them, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23.) "All we

like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way and the Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). Nothing could be clearer. We all need God's forgiveness. We all need to pray, "God be merciful to me a sinner." When we realize our own utter need of God's forgiveness, it makes us ready to forgive others who may wrong us and stand against us.

### 2. God Forgives Us

First, God forgives us freely. Read the story of the Prodigal son. (Luke 15). Secondly, God forgives us abundantly. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7). Thirdly, God forgives us utterly and completely. In Isaiah 44:22 we read, "I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy sins." Fourthly, God forgives us solely upon the basis of the death of Jesus Christ. It was Jesus who paid the debt of our sins. If God forgives us freely, abundantly, and completely, this is the way we ask to forgive others. "Father, forgive us as we forgive."

### 3. How Some Forgive Others

Have you ever heard anyone say, "I can forgive, but I can't forget." But do they say this to God when they pray, "God, forgive the indictment against me, but don't forget it. Everytime you think of me, think of my sins."

## Backing the Project

1. Set aside ten minutes for a Bible reading on forgiveness. Select a series of verses to be used from a concordance.

2. Have a panel discussion using three adults and three young people, on the following subjects;

a. Is it possible to forgive and not forget?

b. Were Christianity universally prevalent and in full operation in every heart would we deliberately offend people?

c. How can one keep a forgiving spirit?

3. Select at least three people who have had experience in asking someone for forgiveness, and have each one relate his testimony bearing on this Christian trait.

## Best Illustrations

When asked what he had on his cheeks George replied that Jeanne had scratched him. "Don't speak like that," said Jeanne indignantly, "for I begged your pardon. When I beg God's pardon He never mentions any more. The matter is closed then."

The little boy had a new hearing aid and his school work was progressing rapidly and splendidly but one day he had trouble with another boy. The teacher thought he ought to apologize but he was reluctant. The teacher insisted, finally the little boy said, "I will apologize, but I will turn off my hearing aid while I do."

## Bible Portions

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| M., June 4.    | Christ Forgives.             | Luke 7:47-50.                      |
| T., June 5.    | Christ Commands Forgiveness. | Luke 6:36-38.                      |
| W., June 6.    | Forgiving Our Brother.       | Luke 17:3-5.                       |
| T., June 7.    | Forgiving Our Enemies.       | Matthew 5:44-48.                   |
| F., June 8.    | Forgiving And Forgetting.    | Jeremiah 31:31. 34.                |
| S., June 9.    | If We Forgive Not?           | Mark 11:24-26.                     |
| Sun., June 10. | Topic—A Christian Forgives.  | Philippians 2:5; Matthew 18:21-35. |



# The Friends We Choose

No. 2 in a Series: "Myself and Others"

Luke 6:13-16; Mark 3:13-19



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JUNE 10

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## For Your Program

This, of course, ought to be a particularly friendly meeting! You can make it so by providing an atmosphere of friendliness. Your meeting room should be warm, well but not glaringly lighted and with some touch of novelty in its arrangement or decorations.

Hugh Black has written a fine essay on friendship from which you may quote. Emerson's essay has been quoted often, but you can find in it still many gems of thought which will add lustre to your meeting. John Oxenham's beautiful poem, *Come, Share the Road With Me*, can be read or can be sung as a special chorus or solo number, using the music to which it has been set in *Singing Pathways* by Dickie.

If you have opportunity to prepare a brief dramatization for the meeting you can choose one of the little sketches in *Friends of Jesus* by Lydia Glover Deseo.

Appropriate hymns would be: *When Thy Heart with Joy O'erflowing, I Would Be True, I've Found a Friend, O Such a Friend*.

Here are some of the links in the golden chain of friendship. Ask Christian Endeavors to plan two-minute talks on each:

- Forgiveness, Matt. 6:12; Luke 11:4
- Respect, Psalm 138:6
- Interest, Psalm 41:1; Heb. 10:24
- Esteem, Phil. 2:3; Heb. 11:26
- Neighborliness, Luke 10:29
- Reference, Rom. 12:10
- Sympathy, Luke 10:33, Jude 22
- Humility, James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:6
- Intimacy, Proverbs 18:24
- Pleasantness, Proverbs 16:24

## To the Leader

This lesson is a study in the value of true and worthwhile friendships. In every friendship there are certain qualities that are invariably present; however, in certain instances some will be more prominent than others. In the Bible friendships we have chosen for this lesson these qualities of friendship are easily discerned.

The basis for friendship with Christ is given in John 15:13-15. The aim of this lesson should not be merely to point to the development of human friendships but to that greater friendship found in Christ. If this friendship found in Christ is neglected other friendships cannot be as rich and warm. It should be the desire of every person to be called, as was Abraham, "the friend of God." (James 2:23.)

What qualities which make friendship fine do you find shown in the friendship of Jesus or His disciples? (See Matthew 26:50, Matthew 28:20, Mark 8:33, John 15:13.) What did Jesus require of His friends? (See John 13:1-5, 12-15.)

## Friendships in the Church

This is a subject appealing to all youth. Start out by asking questions and lead into the deeper meaning of friendship.

Where should we seek our friends?

## Our Aims

1. To see how Jesus chose His friends.
2. To see what friendship with Jesus means.
3. To discover what friends of Jesus ought to be doing today.

What are some difficulties in the way of making our friendships Christian?

If contact with our friends is likely to influence our character should we choose as friends only those whom we know to be good?

What is the difference between having a friend and being a friend?

What are some of the ways of keeping a friendship alive? What are some ways of killing it?

How far should we go in forming really intimate friendships with people of other nationalities, other races?

What chance does a friendship based on mutual desire merely for selfish pleasure have of even lasting? How can it be of benefit to either party in the relationship? Can you have satisfying pleasure with anyone whom you do not altogether respect and admire? What are likely to be the after effects of your experiences together?

Certainly, pleasures are most delightful when shared with friends, but the friends—if our friendships are to be Christian—must have qualities which make us admire them in addition to zest for the same kind of pleasures that we enjoy.

One of the best ways of making friendship Christian is that of sharing in some form of Christian service or of sharing in worship. Young people whose friendships have begun in the work of Christian Endeavor have a strong bond which very few disasters can break. Yet even in the congenial atmosphere of the society it is necessary to guard against selfishness, conceit, jealousy and all the little minor sins like gossiping and fault-finding if the friendships are to be kept Christian.

## How Can Christian Endeavor Aid In Choosing Right Friends?

Christian Endeavor comes first in the organizations contributing to church friendships. It is in Christian Endeavor that one has an opportunity to develop talents, receive encouragement, and enjoy Christian fellowship.

## Daily Readings

- M., June 4. Be A Friend Of The Saviour. John 1:11-13.
- T., June 5. Be A Friend Of The Believer. I John 1:6, 7.
- W., June 6. Be A Friend Of The Teacher. John 15:12-15.
- T., June 7. Be A Friend Of The Stranger. Matthew 25:37-41.
- F., June 8. Be A Friend Of The Needy. James 2:1-9.
- S., June 9. Be A Friend Of The Helpful. Mark 2:1-5.
- Sun., June 10. Topic—The Friends We Choose. Luke 6:13-16; Mark 3:13-19.

Christian Endeavor breaks down barriers and instills a sense of freedom and independence in the heart of an individual. In Christian Endeavor one is surrounded by friends who are searching for the same type of training, seeking the same freedoms and self-expression through the spoken word.

Christian Endeavor offers unexcelled social contacts. It tends toward mutual helpfulness and encouragement. It draws out the finest qualities that can be found in an individual. It brings mutual concern for one another and develops prayer teams. It leads to daily study of God's Word, which is the key to the enrichment of every Christian life.

## To Be Christian is to Be Friendly

The first order of the Christian life is love. Love is the basis for friendship. Christ set the example during His ministry on earth—He was a friend indeed to every one in need. It is our happy privilege as His followers to shed abroad that light to a lost world. Likewise, it is our happy privilege to be living examples of true friendship.

No other organization in the world can match the spirit of the church in friendship and Christian fellowship. Christian friends strengthen bonds of love and develop ideas for better living. Their lives stand as a challenge to others to be better Christians.

## Jesus is the Greatest Friend

Discuss qualities of friendship Jesus displayed:

1. *Jesus sought friends.* He called twelve men to be with Him constantly. His experience and ours prove that every person needs friendship.

2. *Jesus loved His friends.* Not even misunderstanding and desertion could separate them permanently. (John 13:1.) Trifles have broken friendships of others.

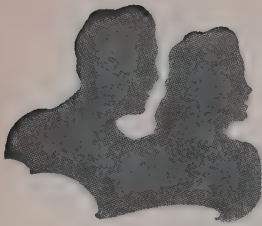
3. *Jesus was called the "Friend of publicans and sinners" by His enemies, thus recognized as friend by all who came close to Him.* Race, employment, social class, or economic standing made no difference. Friendship which is Christlike can know no barriers of caste or class.

4. *Friendliness glows through every act and word of the life of Jesus.* He loved little children. He sought pleasant refuge in the home at Bethany. He was the friend of the sick, the hungry, the afflicted, the bereaved. How did He show His friendship to individuals?

## Conclusion

We can see that a young person without friendships is like a lamp that is unlit. There it is, but no one can find use for it. But switch on the light, and it glows and becomes the center of the room where it stands. Thus a life enriched with friendships sees all natural things quite new. Or think of a plant that is suffering from drought. It wilts and hangs its head. Then down comes the rain so necessary to life. Under that baptism the plant lifts up its head, it drinks and rejoices. So friendship in the life of an individual stimulates, comforts, and enriches him.





# A Christian Is Honest

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Traits"

Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 13:13

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JUNE 1

Comments by Raymond Steinhart

## Briefing the Leader

1. Write down on paper your own ideas about an honest man, honest profits, honest opposition, and honest goods.
2. Check a standard dictionary on the word "honest." Also its synonyms.
3. Check five young people to ascertain their viewpoint on being honest in all of life. Endeavor to find out if they believe it pays to be honest.
4. Carefully analyse what Socrates said, "Study to be what you wish to seem."

## Biblical References

Our thinking is directed to Matthew 7:1-5 and Romans 13:13. "Judge not," this command refers to rash, censorious, and unjust judgment. Jesus Christ does not condemn judging as a magistrate, for that, when according to justice, is lawful and necessary. Nor does He condemn our forming an opinion of the conduct of others, for it is impossible not to form an opinion of conduct that we know to be evil. But what He refers to is a habit of forming a judgment hastily, harshly, and without an allowance for circumstances.

Focus your thought on Verse 5. Here Christ directs us to the proper way of forming an opinion of others and of reproving and correcting them. By first amending our own faults, or casting the beam out of our eye, we can consistently advance to help correct the faults of others. There will then be no hypocrisy in our conduct. We can then see more clearly to do it. The readiest way to judge of the imperfections of others is to be free from greater ones ourselves.

A Christian should be honest. That statement should never be debated. He should never judge a man by his failures. He may have been too honest to succeed. Common honesty is not a spectacular quality, but it wears like iron.

Consider Romans 13:13 and see for yourself that Christianity teaches us how to walk so as to please God. Our conversation, our way of life, must be as becomes the Gospel, "walk honestly." The Christian is to be honest in thought, in word, in deed, with men, with God, and with himself.

## Boiling It Down

It was Franklin who said, "Honesty is the best policy." It was a grand trait of the old Roman that with him one and the same word meant both honor and honesty. Remember the words of Shakespeare, "To be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." True honesty takes into account the claims of God as well as those of man. It renders to God the things that are God's as well as to man the things that are man's. We recall the words of Marcus Antonius, "Do not consider anything for your interest which makes you break your word, quit your modesty, or in-

## Basis for Discussion

1. In what way can an employee who stamps his time, in and out of work, be dishonest?
2. Has a Christian been honest with himself when he fails to take his stand for Christ and His Church?
3. What happens in our relationship to others when we fail to be honest?
4. Is it false or true that when a man is honest he will never be tempted to be dishonest?
5. What are some of the rewards of being honest with man, and above all, honest with God?

clines you to any practice, which will not bear the light, or look the world in the face."

## 1. A Christian Is Honest In His Speech

God wants His people to be honest in all their dealings with Himself and with others. To be otherwise is to bring harm to God's cause and damage to others. A Christian will be honest in his speech. Multitudes, by voice and pen, are sneering at religious faith and speech. Be not driven from either by the sneers of men but let us learn from them. Paul told Titus, "There are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, whose mouths must be stopped." So you see it is not simply talking about religion that the world wants and that the Church requires, but it is reasonable talking, talking about the right thing. The Christian must be honest in his speech.

Paul, in his epistle to the Colossians, writes, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt." It is not sufficient to order our life and actions well unless we at the same time regulate our words. (James 1:26.) Not only is there danger of guilt and damnation from wicked actions, but from wicked speeches. (James 3:8; Proverbs 18:21.) It is the mark of a genuine Christian to manage his discourse rightly. (James 3:2.)

For the better ordering of speech: a. *Consider the end of it.* Speech was given for the benefit of others. Before you say it, ask yourself, what will the results be if this reaches the ears of the one involved. b. *Meditate before speaking.* "If you think twice before you speak once, you will speak twice the better for it." c. *Be moderate in speech.* We have but one tongue, but two ears, two eyes. "Let thy words be few." "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." "A fool is known by the multitude of words." "Let no corrupt communication

proceed out of your mouth." Frivolous and dreary gossip, ill natured and idle words, say nothing of foul and wicked utterance will be silenced when your speech is seasoned with salt.

## 2. A Christian Is Honest In His Obligation

When you unite with the Church you are under obligation to the household of faith. You can't live recklessly and carelessly. When you borrow money you are under obligation to pay it back, not some of it, but all of it. When you make a purchase on credit you are under obligation to meet each payment when due. A Christian will be honest in all of his obligations.

## 3. A Christian Is Honest In His Relationship to God

He has been bought with a price. He belongs to someone else. Now he turns his eyes inward. Now he examines his own heart in the presence of God. His soul is exposed before a merciful God. Scrutinize yourself in the clear unwavering light of total honesty. After all this, you will not find yourself to be without sin. But you will have a sweeping impression of obligation to God. Then you will realize that you owe all that you have to Him who gave Himself for you.

## 4. A Christian Is Honest In His Search for Truth

Jesus Christ said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Thus He is the true Bread, the true Light, the Truth that sets men free. He delights in the truth. He enjoys reading the Word of truth. The genuine Christian is not content with a little truth. He uses what light he has and searches for more light and truth. He prays the prayer of Augustine, "Deliver us from the cowardice that shrinks from new truth; from the laziness that is content with half truths; from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O God of truth deliver us." A Christian will be honest in his search for truth.

## Backing the Project

1. Ask your high school group to prepare a paper on, "Does it pay to be honest?" Reward the best writer and have his paper read at one of your meetings.
2. If you have a blackboard in your room ask seven people to write out their own reasons why a Christian should be honest.
3. Arrange a debate on Cicero's statement "One deserves no praise for being honest when no one tries to corrupt."

## Best Illustration

At the end of the examination, the students were required to sign a pledge stating that they had neither given nor received aid during the examination. A rather dull looking boy lingered after the other students had left the room. He confessed to the teacher that he did not know if he could truthfully sign the pledge, since he had prayed to the Lord to assist him, and he did not know whether his prayers were answered. The teacher looked at his paper and waited a few moments and said, "I think you can sign it."

—James McBryde—Coronet

"Prefer loss before unjust gain; for that brings grief but once, this forever." Chilo

## Bible Meditations

- M., June 11. Honesty In Thought. Philippians 4:8.  
T., June 12. Honesty In Word. James 3:13, 14.  
W., June 13. Honesty In Deed. I Peter 2:11, 12.  
T., June 14. Honesty With Men. Acts 5:1-5.  
F., June 15. Honesty With God. I Thessalonians 4:9-12.  
S., June 16. Honesty In Example. I Thessalonians 2:3-6.  
Sun., June 17. Topic—A Christian Is Honest. Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 13:13.



# How To Say "No"

No. 3 in a Series: "Myself and Others"

Daniel 1:8-17; Romans 13:8-10



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JUNE 17

## Comments by Raymond M. Veb Program

**Lyrics:**  
"Dare to be a Daniel"; "Yield Not to Temptation"; "I Would Be True."

**Verse:**  
"Say not 'The days are evil'—who's to blame?  
And fold the hands and asquiesce—O shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name."

—M. D. Babcock.

**Testimonies:**  
Have Intermediates relate personal experiences of evils defied and conquered.

**Legend**  
A king many years ago advertised for a life coachman. Three candidates presented themselves. He asked each one how close he could drive to the precipice with perfect safety. One answered, "Your Majesty, I can give the most fiery team within three inches of the precipice with perfect safety." The second answered, that he could drive within one inch of the precipice with perfect safety. The third answered, "Your Majesty, if you will employ me, I pledge my word that I will drive as far away from the precipice as possible." It is needless to add that the king promptly employed the last man.

Give evil no quarter, remain as far away from the questionable things of life as possible. When compelled to encounter evil—defy it promptly and courageously and victory will be certain. When we defy evil we have God on our side.

## When Peter Failed

The beloved disciple of our Lord was not tempted to deny Him, because he remained close to Jesus in the midst of His enemies. Peter was poor Peter, who "followed afar off," who shamefully denied his Lord. Peter did not know that he would never have dreamed of doing as he did and he remained in his Lord's company. It was because he found himself trying to warm himself at the fireside of Christ's enemies that he sinned so desperately.

Are we in danger when we follow Christ from afar off?

## To Overcome Evil

Prompt, vigorous, unyielding opposition is the secret of overcoming evil. To stop and debate the matter with evil is fatal. Most forms of evil are at first approach attractive, yes, alluring. To yield to their invitation, their charm, in the least is full of peril. This has been true of temptation to evil from the very beginning.

The initial fatal step in the sin of our first parents was the lingering look at forbidden pleasure. The lingering look was followed by listening to the subtle argument of the tempter. Prompt, vigorous resistance of temptation breaks its spell and insures victory. It is said that a raging lion can be cowed by an un-

## Our Aims

1. To see the importance of decisions.
2. To gain the ability to say "no."
3. To understand how Christ helps us meet sin and conquer temptation.

armed man, if the man carries confidence in his eye.

Be alert and watchful for the very first approach of evil, no matter what its form, be it from within or from without, defy and resist promptly and uncompromisingly, and victory is certain.

## Strength Needed

Living a genuine Christian life is not child's play, neither is it one glad holiday. The Scriptures teach us that the Christian life is a bitter warfare and every Christian is a soldier. It requires strength and courage and patience and perseverance to fight through to victory, for the enemies of the Christian are real and numerous and ever present.

## "To Thine Own Self"

Shakespeare's famous word of counsel concerning personal integrity seems to come right out of The Proverbs, where the writer cautions youth to "keep thy heart with all diligence." (Proverbs 4:23.)

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart." The pure in heart are those who have developed the habit of honest evaluation and criticism of their own motivations and actions and who can say "no" when necessary.

## When Saying "No"

Never, never assume a "holier-than-thou" attitude. Be a good sport if you have to take a ribbing about not drinking or smoking or yielding to other temptations. Others will respect you for what you are—a good sport.

Remember that in the long run most people respect those who stick by their convictions. It is the sad experience of some people who forsake their convictions in order to please the crowd, only to discover that they are really despised for being weak-kneed.

Win your popularity by your pleasant personality, your skill in sports, your ability at dramatics or speaking. If you do these things and make friends easily, you will seldom have to worry about being unpopular just because you choose not to drink and smoke.

## Trust God and Gain Divine Power

God can give us power to live above sin although those around us are making no endeavor to live a Christian life. He can see us

## From The Book of Books

- M., June 11. Watch Your Saviour. I Peter 2:21-24.  
T., June 12. Consider Your Testimony. I Timothy 4:12-16.  
W., June 13. Respect Your Bodies. I Corinthians 9:25-27.  
T., June 14. Refrain Your Desires. I Corinthians 10:5-12.  
F., June 15. Beware Your Consequences. II Corinthians 5:9-11.  
S., June 16. Remember Your Rewards. I Corinthians 3:11-15.  
Sun., June 17. Topic—How To Say "No." Daniel 1:8-17; Romans 13:8-10.

through the storms of life although we are the only ones that are trying to hold to His hand in the midst of the storms. True, there is power and strength given when others are going the same way. We will find it easier to say "no" when we have Christian friends who aid us in maintaining high standards.

## Stand

A Negro minister prayed with great insight, "Lord, prop us up in all our leanin' ways." Speaking in the same vein, Paul recognized the faltering failures of Christians and admonished us to stand in Ephesians 6:10-17.

Standing for the right involves inner fortitude and Christ-centered conviction—a calm awareness of outward conflicts, but a noble resolve to stand above and beyond the present. Standing provides a Christ-filled fellowship with other Christians, a Christ-honoring testimony to the world, and a Christ-provided victory for the future. "Having done all, . . . stand!"

## Case Studies on Decisions

### Involving Our Ability to Say "No"

(Ask your group for reactions)

1. Your neighbor in the back row of a classroom asks you for a name on a history quiz. He is a good friend of yours and has done you many favors. You know he will fail if he does not get the help. *The best thing for you to do is:*

- a. Report him to the teacher.
- b. Act as if you did not hear.
- c. Shake your head implying you won't tell him.
- d. Tell him the answer in a soft whisper.

2. John had promised his parents not to smoke cigarettes at least until he had finished school. One night he was out at a party where every other boy was smoking. They teased him about not smoking, called him a sissy, and told him he was a poor sport. *The best thing for him to do was:*

- a. Smoke now and then when he was out with that crowd but not at other times.
- b. Explain to his parents that he wanted to take back his promise so he could smoke.
- c. Go ahead and smoke and think his promise silly anyway.
- d. Tell the boys that he had promised and he was not going to smoke.

3. Ted had a bad reputation for not paying his debts, and he already owed Jack some money. One day when Jack happened to have a five-dollar-bill in his pocket Ted came up and asked him for the loan of a dollar. *The best thing for Jack to do was:*

- a. Say he did not have a dollar.
- b. Say he did not have any money to lend.
- c. Say nothing and walk off.
- d. Lend Ted another dollar.

4. One of the players on the other team tries to make you angry by calling you names. *The best thing for you to do is:*

- a. Complain to the referee.
- b. Pay no attention to it.
- c. Punch him.
- d. Settle with him after the game.





# A Christian Is Dependable

No. 3 in a Series: "Christian Traits"

I Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 4:14, 15; Revelations 2:10b

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS)

JUNE 2

Comments by Raymond Steinbart

## Briefing the Leader

1. What do you personally think about people who are not dependable? Write down on paper your own convictions and reread them several times. Be sure these are your own ideas.

2. Secure a concordance and look up the word, *Steadfastness*. Check the many scriptural references. (Ask your pastor for the loan of his concordance.)

3. As the leader, be faithful in the preparation of this topic.

4. Try to discover for yourself how many people, who are not dependable and loyal, really succeed in the Christian life.

## Biblical References

Three references dealing with this general idea are given for consideration: I Corinthians 15:58, Revelation 2:10, and Ephesians 4:14-15.

We shall focus our attention on I Corinthians 15:58. Here we are exhorted to be habitually and increasingly employed in the service of Christ, "Always abounding in the work of the Lord."

The duties of the Christian life are emphatically styled a work and a labor. How little have we done for the glory of God and the advancement of our own holiness in comparison of what we might and should have done. Your labors may be severe, your difficulties numerous, your duties painful, your afflictions heavy, but they shall not be in vain, if endured in the Lord. Our design and purpose should be for a constant adherence to God and our duty at all times.

Take a look at Ephesians 4:14-15. Paul, the writer, describes the genuine Christian or mature Christian, both negatively and positively. Note the negative description: a. Christians must not remain children. b. Christians must not be tossed to and fro, like a ship rolling on the waves. The child of God has no right or reason to promise himself smooth waters, soft gales, and clear skies; but go provided for all kinds of weather. c. Christians must not be carried about with every wind of doctrine. He proceeds to the positive description: a. We must be sincere in love. b. We should be well established in the truth. c. We must walk in the truth. d. Our hearts must be conformed to the truth. Thus we see how important it is for a Christian to be dependable, faithful.

John, in Revelation 2:10, writes, "Be thou faithful unto death." This is not a lecture, but an appeal. It is addressed to the latent energies of our emotional natures. This indicates that man can be aroused from slumber to be stirred into activity, to be moved as well as taught. We are surrounded with helps to the fulfillment of life's true issues. "Go on," Christ seems to say. Do not fret as though you were forgotten, but endure as those who will be surely rewarded. "Be thou faithful" and thou shalt be peaceful and strong.

## Basis for Discussion

1. In view of such weighty words, "Follow," "hold fast," "be faithful," how does one stand in a false relation to the Christ and His gospel?

2. Do you think faithfulness is of greater value than originality?

3. What in your estimation does the world think of a man who claims he is a true Christian and appears to have no deep sense of need for the church but cares little for her mission in the world?

4. What do you personally think of members of the Christian Endeavor society who repeat the pledge, and repeatedly do not stay for the worship services on the Lord's Day?

## Boiling It Down

This is our third topic on Christian traits. You recall the last two—a Christian forgives and a Christian is honest. Today we discuss—a *Christian is dependable*. We firmly believe that dependability plays a very important role in the daily experience of the Christian. We believe that all of God's people stand before three bars: the bar of private judgement, the bar of public opinion, and the bar of Divine justice. We judge ourselves, we are judged of others, and we finally will be judged of God.

You need not tarry very long with the Bible until you discover that the Word of God puts high value on old fashioned faithfulness. Check the following verses: I Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; I Thessalonians 5:24; II Thessalonians 3:3; Hebrews 10:23. God is faithful, and He expects His people to be faithful. God's faithfulness does not excuse us from our obligations. The greatest ability is dependability.

1. *We ought to be faithful in the keeping of our Christian Endeavor Pledge.* A dependable Christian Endeavorer cannot ignore the pledge. He knows what would happen if he failed to trust Jesus Christ for strength. In the glory of this God-given strength we promise Him that we "will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." Paul said, "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us." For the type of leadership in which you are found you need strength to carry out its objectives.

## From The Book of Books

- M., June 18. Faithful In Doctrine. II John 8, 9.  
T., June 19. Faithful In Bible Reading. Psalm 119:9-16.  
W., June 20. Faithful In Prayer. Luke 18:1-8.  
T., June 21. Faithful In Worship. Psalm 84:1-4, 10.  
F., June 22. Faithful In Service. Matthew 25:19-21.  
S., June 23. Faithful In Witnessing. I Thessalonians 1:5-8.  
Sun., June 24. Topic—A Christian Is Dependable. I Corinthians 15:58; Ephesians 4:14, 15; Revelations 2:10b.

Christian living calls for faithfulness. You may not be able to preach, sing or organize, but you can be faithful. You can be sure that God prefers those who faithfully let the light shine, to those who occasionally let it shine. It is better not to shine so dazzling at one time, but rather to shine daily, all the time. God's Word has much to say about being steadfast, grounded, settled, built on rock, not carried about with every wind of doctrine. We are not to be weary in well doing. We ought to be able to say, "my heart is fixed." Of course, some saints are permanent fixtures but our permanence should be the living permanence of a tree not the dead stability of a tombstone. Steer clear of being a "hypodermic Christian," one who lives on shots of religious excitement, instead of growing normally by food, rest and exercise. Read the Christian Endeavor pledge once more. Take hold of those vital declarations and claim them as your very own. Say to yourself, "I will trust the Lord for strength. I will read my Bible every day. I will be loyal to my church." Make these your very own and see what happens.

2. *We ought to be faithful in Christian Service.* We delight in thinking of Christian Endeavor as Christianity in action. The pledge on your church wall should be written deeply upon the walls of your mind and heart. We promise Christ that we will be true to all our duties. One of our fundamental principles is "Service for Christ." We have far too many people who believe in the invisible church and prove their point by being invisible at church on Sunday. We promised Christ that we would read the Bible every day and support the church, in every way, especially by attending all her regular Sunday and mid-week services. When that doesn't happen, and after Sunday school we join the going-home parade, would one interpret that being faithful? When we come to Christian Endeavor Sunday night and do not stay for the evening service following it, would that be called faithfulness? Back of unfaithfulness to Church lies heart unfaithfulness to Jesus Christ.

## Backing the Project

1. Appoint a committee to set up a Christian Endeavor Crusade for a period of two months in an effort to make Christian Endeavor strong.

2. Confer with your pastor about the possibilities of using young people in some kind of service during the morning and evening services.

3. Set aside three Sunday nights, or whenever your society meets and devote time for a thorough consideration of the Christian Endeavor Pledge.

## Best Illustration

An American received a telegram that a vessel called *The Congress*, which was commanded by his son, had "struck" her flag. "Then Joe is dead," he said. And so it proved. The father had felt that nothing less than the death of his son could account for the surrender.



# God — Use My Mind

No. 4 in a Series: "Myself and Others"

Ecclesiastes 12:10; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 4:16-20



Intermediate (12-14 YEARS)

JUNE 24

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

## With All Thy Mind

Robert Ingersoll, almost a century ago, was America's leading atheist. In conversation with a friend one day he said: "You Christians make me tired. You are always talking about faith in God and belief in Jesus Christ" but never tell me how you get this faith or what these beliefs are."

He said the friend: "Well, I just grew up with faith in God and belief in Jesus Christ from childhood days."

"That's just the trouble with you Christians. You take things for granted."

From that interview this man went back to his Indiana home to think through his beliefs. A few years later Lew Wallace gave that magnificent novel, *Ben Hur*.

I am increasingly convinced that the neglected realm for Christian living is the stewardship of the mind. He is wealthy indeed who has a contented mind. One of Shakespeare's characters once said, "My mind to me a kingdom is." Spencer was right when he said in *Faerie Queen*, "The noblest mind the best contentment has." Paul says: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

We have not yet learned the full meaning of Jesus' all-important commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." Many people are not loving God with all their mind.

Let us ask ourselves in this meeting if we are ready to have God use our minds—all our minds.

## Think as Christ Thinks

The Apostle Paul records one of the most ringing utterances in the whole history of the training of man's mind when he says, "Have your mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5.) Begin to think as Christ thinks! Then the apostle goes on to describe this Jesus whose mind is recommended to the adoption of His followers. Let us seek to know that mind which was in Christ Jesus, for if we know the nature of His mind, we will be better able to do as He will with our minds.

## What Was True of Jesus' Mind?

1. *It was a mind distinguished for spiritual knowledge.* Jesus was the true Light. He knew all things. In Him were hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Therefore, to have the mind of Christ we must have a mind that ungers for spiritual knowledge.

2. *It was a mind of holy obedience.* Jesus vowed God's law. Every desire, purpose, and thought was in pleasing conformity to the spotless mind of God. Therefore, we must be able to do God's will.

3. *It was a mind of pure and fervent devotion.* Christ's whole career was distinguished

## Our Aims

1. To discover that God's great gift to us is the gift of the mind.

2. To understand how our minds affect all of our physical and spiritual concepts of life and action.

3. To see what it means to come to think as Christ thinks and how we can make all of our decisions on the basis of "having His mind in us."

for this. His pure and matchless devotion to His Father was the element in which He lived, and in which He died. Therefore, we must possess a mind devoted to the will of God.

4. *It was a mind of constant energy and activity.* It was His meat and drink to do His Father's will. His mind was ever active in doing good. His whole life was a scene of greatest mental activity. Therefore, we must have active minds in the service of the King.

5. *It was a mind of unparalleled meekness.* Under circumstances of the greatest provocation He displayed the most perfect self-composure. He never displayed unhallowed passion, or a spirit of revenge. Therefore, "let that mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

6. *It was a mind of unexampled benevolence, tenderness and pity.* Jesus loved mankind. His words, His thoughts, His prayers, His miracles, His suffering, His death, all attest to the incomprehensibility of His pity and love. Therefore, our minds should be absorbed in deepest interest for humanity.

7. *It was a mind of holy patience and resignation.* Jesus was never known to utter one murmuring word. He was resigned to all His Father's will. And He patiently waited in all things until the time was at hand. This is the mind which should also be in all who are called by His name. With such a mind in us, there is no possible room for envious or impure thoughts, for stubborn or selfish wills, for evil or covetous desires. Let us possess the mind of greatest possible self-abasement.

## How Can We Use Our Minds for Christ?

1. *Consistency.* Christians, who bear the name of Jesus and profess to be His disciple,

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- M., June 18. Oneness With Christ. Ephesians 2:12-18.  
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T., June 21. Thinking Upon Christ. I Corinthians 2:1-5.  
F., June 22. Abiding In Christ. John 15:1-7.  
S., June 23. Knowledge Of Christ. Philippians 3:7-11.  
Sun., June 24. Topic—God—Use My Mind. Ecclesiastes 12:10; Mark 12:28-31; Luke 4:16-20.

should resemble Him in all things. Christ demands a surrendered mind, and the world expects it of us. It is the only consistent thing to do.

2. *Happiness.* We cannot be truly happy without the mind of Christ. Our peace and comfort will be in exact proportion to our surrender. We cannot enjoy His fellowship unless we have His mind.

3. *Usefulness.* Christ's mind will make us useful so that our lives will be a blessing to our fellowmen. We will go about doing good.

4. *Life.* Indeed, this is salvation to have within us the mind of Christ. The closer our likeness to Jesus, the greater our future glory and the more abundant our reward. O how desirable then to be deeply solicitous to possess the whole mind that was in Christ!

## A Game for Mental Stimulus

Either before the meeting, as members gather, or during a social period after the meeting, the game of *Books and Authors* will be appropriate. To play it, have the group sit in a circle. Let a person who is "It" stand in the center and name either a well known book or a famous author, then point to a person in the circle and count ten. The person in the circle must answer before the count is ended, with the author of the book named or the name of a book by the author mentioned. If he does not respond in time, he becomes "It."

## Questions

1. Dave reads two or three books a week. He loves it. But he reads only wild westerns. Martha is just as avid a reader of mysteries. She reads nothing else. What is wrong with their reading habits? How would it help them to force themselves to read different kinds of books—biographies, plays, short stories now and then?

2. How many different kinds of books—e.g. novels, poetry, travel, etc. can you name?

3. What magazines do you think make good reading? Why?

4. What value is there in reading regularly a magazine like *Scholastic* or *Seventeen*? Or the weekly story papers of your denomination? Does such reading give you interesting thoughts? Does it make you better able to carry on good conversation? Does it improve your ability to write compositions or take part in discussions at school?

5. What about the Bible? Some say a person should read it through at least once. Some say it is better to pick out a particularly beautiful or interesting or important part to start with, perhaps the Psalms or one of the Gospels. Some advise the use of a modern translation so that the reader can understand it better. What do you think?

6. In what ways can God direct the minds of youth to think in terms of life service to Him and the Church?



# The Time Is Now

by Amy Deck Faust

Editor—Mrs. Faust was recently honored by being nominated as a member from the Presbyterian Church to the Board of Managers of the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

Someone has said that today is the most precious possession. Yesterday is past and cannot be recovered. Tomorrow may not be realized. Today is all that we have and can count on. It is therefore invaluable. It is important.

So many people intend to do a great deal with today, but "putting it off" is too common with everyone. With amusement "manana" is called the national sin of Spain.

If we realize that there is a real danger in waiting to do the great things that should be done, perhaps a sensible beginning can be made now—at once! One good beginning is to investigate the agencies involved in audio-visual training. Send for the catalogues, brochures, or phone for appointments today. Many colleges, industrial institutes, and trade schools offer special courses in audio-visuals in year-round or summer conferences. Often a summer workshop is the answer to the training of leaders or a group. An institute of even a short duration may be of great help, but a summer workshop, or a term of training will bring even greater benefit.

## Conduct A Training Course

While it is true that leadership can be cultivated within existing religious groups, it is also true that some special techniques must be gained by leaders in audio-visuals. It is possible to learn "on the job" in some areas of leadership, but in Audio-Visuals there must be preliminary and special training for true benefits. A training course, an enrollment in an institute or a workshop, should be the basic aim of some, or all of those working in the local work.

Those who cannot receive a basic audio-visual training, may prefer to work in a special field. There some training may be given by sales demonstrators, personal experimentation, or by friends familiar with basic equipment. Training in this area could include: the making of maps, charts, lettering, or blackboard and flannelgraph work. Books on these subjects are available, and most religious bookstores carry a special line of helps in the use of these aids in religious education. Directions on lettering, drawing, and other art work may be obtained from industrial concerns and from art supply houses. Visit your religious bookstore, consult your telephone directory and visit art stores, and explore the aids in the blue-print department of industrial concerns.

Many new ideas on the use of blue-print materials for audio-visuals, lettering techniques, and the making of a variety of audio-

visuals is to be found in text books on the subject. One of the earlier books is *The Use of Audio-Visuals in the Church School*, by Rogers and Vieth.

## Learning To Write The Script

This then, brings us into the field of projected audio-visual aids. The making of 2 x 2 slides on kodachrome films may seem elementary. It is much harder to learn how to title and write the script. A still further field is to add sound and prepare a tape or record recording. Still further techniques are involved in the making of 16mm motion pictures. The Calvin Company in Kansas City, Mo., now makes a 16 mm magnetic tape motion picture projector (as do about a half a dozen motion picture projector companies).

It is impossible in these columns to attempt to explain the principles of audio-visual techniques in any one phase of the work. Equipment varies, and the ability of the projectionist must be geared to the situation, the equipment, and individual skills. The only aim of this column is to indicate the growing opportunities in this field, and the increasing materials available. Study, research, practice, and demonstration will be the individual answer. A book such as the *Preparation and Use of Audio Visuals* (Hass & Packer) will help you. The biggest thing is to make a beginning now.

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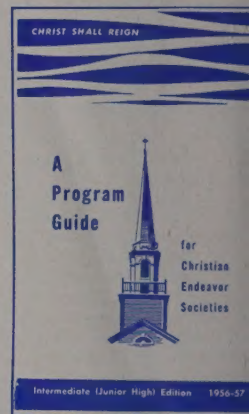
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